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REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The constructive criticisms and helpful suggestions made by the Office are adopted with appreciation. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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